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MARCEL PAGNOL FILMS FEATURED THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AT THE ART MUSEUM

Marcel Pagnol's three-part film melodrama, about a Marseilles waterfront bar owner and his son who loves the sea more than he loves his fiancée, will be shown Thanksgiving weekend at The Cleveland Museum of Art. "The Marcel Pagnol Trilogy," also known as "The Fanny Trilogy," consists of three full-length feature films set in Marseilles in the early 20th century--"Marius," "Fanny," and "César." Admission is free.

Marcel Pagnol (1895-1974), the celebrated French writer and filmmaker whose work is the basis of the popular new film "Jean de Florette," brought to the cinema some of the best qualities of the theatre--witty dialogue, warm characterizations, stories of poignancy and power, and superb acting. Famous for writing and directing such beloved classics of the thirties and forties as "Harvest," "The Baker's Wife," and "The Well-Digger's Daughter," Pagnol adapted the three films to be shown at the Museum from stage plays he wrote in the 1920s. They portray the denizens of the bar: César, the bar's owner (played by Raimu); Marius, his sea-loving son (Pierre Fresnay); Fanny, Marius' fiancée (Orane Démazis); and Panisse, a wealthy widower (Charpin). More than twenty years elapse in the course of the trilogy, during which these characters love, laugh, depart, and reunite. All three films are in French with English subtitles and will be shown in newly available prints with new subtitles.

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The Marcel Pagnol Trilogy

Fri/Nov 27 at 2:15 pm	"Marius" (France, 1931). Directed by Alexander Korda. Subtitled, b&w. 123 min.
Sat/Nov 28 at 2:15 pm	"Fanny" (France, 1932). Directed by Marc Allégret. Subtitled, b&w. 125 min.
Sun/Nov 29 at 3:30 pm	"César" (France, 1936). Directed by Marcel Pagnol. Subtitled, b&w. 121 min.

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